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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LIBRARIAN,

OF THE

TOWN OF HANCOCK,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending March, 1876.

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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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*Joseph Davis, Town Treasurer, in Account with the Town of  
Hancock. Dr.*

To Balance of cash in Treasurer's hands,	
close of last settlement,	\$550 63
State bonds,	5,700 00
Cash State Treasurer, savings bank tax, 1875,	970 20
Cash State Treasurer, railroad tax, 1875,	108 58
Cash State Treasurer, literary fund, 1875,	61 06
Interest on State bonds, 1875,	342 00
Cash of County for County paupers,	202 00
Cash of John Gilchrist, Plat Nor- way Cemetery,	10 00
Cash Collector Barney, for 1875,	2,652 32
“ 1874,	420 56
“ 1872,	36
Cash G. W. Hayward, use town hall,	2 00
Cash Abatement of taxes for 1875,	1 80
	<hr/> \$11,021 51



*Joseph Davis, Town Treasurer, in Account with the Town of  
Hancock. Cr.*

By cash paid the several school districts, which sum includes  
the literary fund for 1875:

District No. 1, C. P. Bugbee, Prudential Committee,	\$167 80	
No. 2, Zenas Davis, Prud. Com.	117 78	
No. 3, J. W. Coolidge "	117 78	
No. 4, Milton Tenney, "	117 79	
No. 5, George W. Knight, "	117 79	
No. 6, Alvin F. Sheldon, "	117 79	
No. 7, Charles E. Cheney, "	117 78	
No. 8, Giles C. Lakin, "	117 78	
No. 9, Thomas Shea, "	107 79	
Union Dist., Harrisville, J. S. Lakin,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,120 08

1875.

May 1. Paid John H. Felch, High School Com.,	\$200 00	
Nov. 1. Paid John H. Felch, High School Com.,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Francis H. Thayer, support of Lo- rena Hills,	\$78 00	
M. H. Priest, support Catherine Howard,	78 00	
Mary C. Knight, sup. Lucy Brown,	47 56	
Dr. I. G. Anthoine, medical attend- ance L. Brown,	25 00	
Joshua S. Lakin, sup. Lewis Cabel,	11 55	
	<hr/>	\$240 11

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Charles Hayward, support paupers,	\$115 84	
" goods for "	3 00	
Dr. I. G. Anthoine, med. attendance A. Hart,	40 00	
W. W. Hall, sup. Mrs. Ward Ware,	9 33	
Dr. I. G. Anthoine, med. attendance A. Hart,	35 00	
Milton Tenney, transient paupers,	2 00	

Paid C. P. Bugbee, goods for Mrs. Gassett,	1 50	
John F. Eaton, keeping tramps,	6 50	
Albert Fish, " "	2 00	
Dr. J. Q. A. French, med. attendance Mrs. W. Ware,	10 00	
Dr. M. Christie, med. at. Mrs Gassett,	7 25	
" " "	5 25	
Mrs. J. Weston, sup. Mrs. Gassett,	5 50	
Asa Simonds, " W. Ware,	29 25	
Mrs. J. Weston, shoes Mrs. Gassett,	1 50	
" support "	15 00	
J. M. Rice, " A. Hart,	28 11	
" " "	8 68	
Mrs. J. Weston, " Mrs. Gassett,	18 00	
Joshua S. Lakin, going to Stoddard and Washington,	5 00	
Asa Simonds, " "	5 25	
Joseph Davis, " Washington,	2 00	
John F. Eaton, keeping tramp,	1 25	
Asa Simonds, Overseer of Poor,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$365 21

## FOR NEW CEMETERY.

Paid John W. Coolidge, stone posts,	\$96 00	
George A. Lakin, labor,	12 25	
John Newell, rails and pickets,	47 94	
Asa Simonds, wall built on line Cemetery,	10 00	
David Hills, damages for highway,	36 40	
Joshua S. Lakin, labor on cemetery,	25 00	
Asa Simonds, " "	29 50	
John H. Felch, " "	28 00	
David Hunt, wire, cemetery,	1 65	
John R. Hill, hinges and bolts,	9 42	
William P. Hall, painting fence,	32 70	
A. D. Tuttle, material for painting cemetery,	33 05	
John Newell, lumber,	96	
First Congregational Society, road damage,	12 00	
Joseph Davis, material for cemetery,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$376 87



## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid George Sheldon, damages by dogs to	
sheep,	\$17 00
Henry W. Ware,                   “	5 00
Carrie Tyrrell, part Hubbard legacy,	15 00
Campbell & Hanscom printing town	
reports,	42 00
M. V. B. Greene, for blanks,	4 00
Asa Simond's acc't Hubbard legacy	
for C. Tyrrell,	10 00
John H. Felch, expense and journey to	
Nashua,	5 00
John H. Felch, expense and journey to	
Manchester,	6 15
Asa Simonds, expense and journey to	
Manchester,	6 15
S. N. Bell, counsel,	3 00
John H. Felch, going to Concord,	4 00
Albert Jaquith, watering trough,	2 00
Iram Woods, hooks,	1 00
Dr. John M. Cutler, returning births	
and deaths,	1 00
Elijah Washburn, watering trough,	3 00
Joseph Davis, chairs for town,	3 75
Charles Turner, care town clock,	12 00
“                   tolling bell,	3 90
C. P. Bugbee, wood for town hall,	4 00
Wm. P. Hall, watering trough,	3 00
A. D. Tuttle, stationery,	1 97
George W. Hayward, care town hall,	12 50
Asa Simonds, snowing county bridge,	2 85
Joseph Davis, postage and stationery,	2 93

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 \$171 20

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Alcock & Duncan, plank and timber,	\$21 30
Ebenezer B. Pearson, breaking roads,	7 94
James Cuddyhee, labor and lumber,	3 65
Michael E. Harrington, break'g roads,	19 97
M. N. Spalding,                   “                   “	3 40
Edward Mulhall,                   “                   “	29 14
John W. Coolidge, labor on bridge,	15 00
E. R. Danforth, labor and lumber for	
roads,	47 37

Paid Charles F. Fairfield, bridge plank,	
and stringers,	6 00
Parker Hart, bridge plank and labor,	9 40
Rodney H. Colby, breaking roads,	8 25
Alcock & Duncan, bridge plank,	1 25
Rufus Tuttle, shingles & bridge plank,	27 55
James Cuddyhee, labor and lumber for road,	13 00
Albert Jaquith, labor and lumber for highway,	25 92
Wallace Sawyer, labor and lumber for highway,	2 00
Wm. P. Hall, labor and lumber for highway,	6 35
James C. Towne, labor and lumber for highway,	3 95
Mrs. Hiram Whittemore, labor and lumber for highway,	10 46
C. M. Sheldon, bridge plank,	6 05
James D. Matthews, lumber for bridge,	13 00
Milan E. Davis, labor on highway,	6 90
Ebenezer Ware, bridge stringers and labor,	2 00
G. W. Hayward, labor on highway,	1 00
George Sheldon, damage on road,	6 00
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	\$298 85

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Asa Simonds, services as Selectman,	\$44 50
"    Appraising real estate,	30 00
Joshua S. Lakin, services as Selectman,	45 00
"    Appraising real estate,	30 00
John H. Felch,    "	28 00
"    services as Selectman,	52 00
"    Supt. School Committee,	40 00
W. M. Stevens,    "	10 00
Joseph Davis, Treasurer,	20 00
"    Clerk,	38 44
A. D. Tuttle, Librarian,	25 00
Frank Barney, Collector,	25 00
Charles Turner, Sexton,	4 50
Auditors,	3 00
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	\$395 44



<b>Paid</b> State Treasurer, State tax	\$1,032 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	531 50
Non-resident highway tax,	76 28
Abatement of taxes for 1875,	1 80

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### RECAPITULATION.

<b>Money received by Treasurer,</b>	<b>\$11,021 51</b>
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#### MONEY PAID OUT BY TREASURER.

<b>Paid</b> several school districts,	\$1,120 08	
High school district,	400 00	
Support county paupers,	240 11	
Support town paupers,	365 21	
Labor on new cemetery,	376 87	
Miscellaneous bills,	171 20	
Roads and bridges,	296 85	
State Treasurer, State tax,	1,032 00	
County Treasurer, County tax,	531 50	
Town Officers' bills,	395 44	
Non-resident highway tax,	76 28	
Abatement of taxes for 1875,	1 80	
	<hr/>	5,007 34

JOSEPH DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of six thousand fourteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$6,014.17.)

ANDREW B. STONE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
EBENEZER WARE,	
W. F. SYMONDS.	



## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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Number of paupers supported during the year,	6
Cost of supporting town paupers as per Treasurer's report,	\$365 21
Number of County paupers supported by the town the past year,	7
Cost of supporting county paupers,	\$240 11
Since June 30, 1875, there have been no paupers supported by this town.	

ASA SIMONDS,  
JOSHUA S. LAKIN,  
JOHN H. FELCH,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Due High School Committee,	\$200 00
(March 14, 1876,) Wm. Robinson, damage to sheep by dogs,	23 00
(March 14, 1876,) James S. Hay- ward, damage to sheep by dogs,	20 00
(March 14, 1876,) Christopher P. Parkhurst, damage to sheep by dogs,	6 00
(March 14, 1876,) Peter M. Whit- taker, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 00
	<hr/> \$254 00

The above are all the claims against the town of which we have any knowledge.

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

State Bonds,	\$5,700 00	
Money in Treasury,	314 17	
In Collector Wild's hands, 1873,	1 98	
In Collector Barney's hands, 1874,	34 94	
"        "        "        1875,	569 15	
Due from the town of Mason,	5 25	
"    Asa Washburn's estate, for		
plat in Cemetery,	10 00	
"    the county,	68 61	
	<hr/>	\$6,704 10
Assets over debts,		\$6,450 10

ASA SIMONDS,  
JOSHUA S. LAKIN,  
JOHN H. FELCH,

*Selectmen of Hancock.*



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Esther J. Rhodes, a teacher in the State Normal School. A well regulated and thoroughly instructed school.

Winter Term. Under the management of Miss Emma J. Nahor, of Peterborough, was kept fully up to the position it acquired during the former term. The teacher secured the love and respect of her pupils.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

There was but one term in this District, that a winter term taught by Henry F. Robinson, of Hancock. This was Mr. Robinson's first attempt at teaching. We consider it a success. Some of the scholars did remarkably well. The teaching was of a thorough, practical nature.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Hattie E. Weston, of Hancock, who is a thorough, practical instructor, and particularly successful in teaching. The class in Sargent's Fourth Reader deserves notice.

Winter Term. Miss Mary E. Coolidge, teacher. This school gave evidences of excellent teaching in reading and Mental Arithmetic. Vocal Music is one of the means employed by Miss Coolidge to give tone and character to her schools.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Mary E. Coolidge, of Hancock. We consider Miss Coolidge one of our best teachers of youth. She combines with efficient teaching a happy faculty of gaining the love of her pupils. The proficiency of the scholars in Reading and Vocal Music was highly gratifying.

Winter Term. Miss Mary J. Dutton, of Hancock, Teacher. Progress fair. There seemed to be a good feeling existing between teacher and scholars. We should judge that the teacher, in her zeal to succeed, labored too hard, doing much that should have been left to the scholars. This school presented compositions at examination; an example we would commend to other teachers.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term. Kept by Miss Katie L. Brown, of Hancock. This school was successful. A class of small scholars, taught orally in exercises of a promiscuous character, did nobly. Here again we saw the beauty of music in the school room.

Winter term. Taught by Miss Nellie A. Knowlton, of Hancock. Considering the number of scholars, their age, the almost perfect manner in which they recited, the fact that the Register showed very few absence and tardy marks, we are led to the conclusion that this came the nearest a model school of any in town.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Mary E. Sheldon, of Hancock. This school closed unexpectedly in the middle of the sixth week, on account of the illness of the teacher. We judge from the appearance of the school at our visit the first week, and the well known standing of Miss Sheldon as a teacher, that it was a profitable term.

The Winter Term, under the instruction of Miss Elva E. Sheldon, of Hancock, was a well taught school. Miss Sheldon possesses a great amount of energy, and her school, though small, gave evidence of thorough drill.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Nellie A. Hadley, of Hancock.



Your committee was much pleased to find that the largest and most advanced scholars were studying Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, they will undoubtedly derive much benefit in after life from this drill. This was a well regulated school. Miss Hadley's quiet, lady like deportment in the school-room is worthy of imitation.

The Winter Term commenced and continued under the instruction of Miss Nellie S. Fisher, of Greenfield, six weeks, when the Agent representing to her that the district were dissatisfied, she resigned, closing without an examination. Miss Ida E. Johnson, of Hancock, taught the remaining six weeks. Miss Johnson is an excellent teacher, but was sorely tried by the conduct of some of her scholars. When your committee visited this school at the commencement of Miss Fisher's term, we saw nothing to prevent a pleasant and profitable term, but it seems there was a determination upon the part of a portion of the pupils to be dissatisfied. This spirit of insubordination should have been quelled by the parents of these scholars, instead of encouraged, as circumstances show it to have been.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Ida E. Johnson. Was not present at the examination. From reports of those present, we judge Miss Johnson had her usual good success.

Winter Term, taught by Miss Mary A. Tenney, of Hancock. This was Miss Tenney's first attempt at teaching. Possessed of a fine education, a rare faculty of imparting instruction, a little more attention to government will make Miss Tenney an excellent teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term. Under the instruction of Miss Lettie W. Goodhue, who made a good beginning in the art of teaching. Improvement in the style of reading in this school was noteworthy.

Winter Term. Not only taught but *kept* by Miss Hattie E. Weston, of Hancock, who commands the respect and wins the love of both parents and pupils. Progress in reading decidedly marked.

#### CONCLUSION.

In summing up our conclusions, your committee will undoubtedly reiterate many of the suggestions of former committees; in fact we feel called upon to renew one of the sugges-

tions of our immediate predecessor, viz., "to diminish the number of districts." While some things connected with our schools need our serious attention, there are others that are truly gratifying. The success of our teachers has been remarkable. The fact that there has not been a single failure, and only one or two cases where mistakes have been made, requiring special notice, is truly a cheerful retrospect. The two items tardiness and absenteeism need to be thoroughly reformed. We know of no better means of inducing a much needed change than by presenting the names of those who have made a good record the past year, hoping thereby to stimulate others to follow their example.

Scholars not absent or tardy during the year:—Lena L. Tenney.

The following scholars were present every day during the summer terms:

Emma Davis, Alice B. Mulhall, Nellie L. Davis,\* Frank H. Shea, Albert G. Stearns, Mabel R. Miller,\* Jennie Willard, Ella F. Whittaker,\* Arthur C. Whittaker, Frankie T. Davis,\* Willie A. Barnes, Willie Weston, Nellie J. Colby, Nettie L. Jenkins,\* Milan E. Whittaker, Walter M. Hayward, Addie M. Nesmith.\*

The following scholars were present every day during the winter terms:

Ida E. Goodhue,\* Arthur C. Whittaker, Nellie L. Davis, Gilman S. Murphy, Edward T. Welch, Milan L. Whittaker, Bertie G. Lakin,\* Willie Weston,\* Fred. M. Davis, Ella F. Whittaker, Mattie E. Lakin.

With the exception of a few scholars in one district, we have found the pupils inclined to studiousness, good order and a respectful bearing toward teachers and others.

As a whole our schools are easily governed. As an evidence of the increasing interest that is being taken in our schools, we would mention an increase of fifty per cent. over last year in the number of visits by citizens. Let us go on in this direction. Our teachers would do well to organize a "Teachers' Association." There are nearly twenty persons in town who are practical teachers, which number is constantly increasing, and the advantages to be derived from an organization of this kind would be innumerable. It would undoubtedly result in much good if our teachers would adopt the practice of visiting each others' schools. A half day occasionally spent by teacher and scholars visiting another school would

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\*Not tardy.



be time pleasantly spent, and profitably employed. Our High School has done much toward elevating the character of our Common Schools. It is giving us an able, well trained, and *home manufactured* corps of teachers. Our late High School teacher and associate committee, (W. M. Stevens,) is entitled to many thanks for valuable suggestions given teachers, and your committee; coming from a practical teacher they were of incalculable worth.

JOHN H. FELCH,  
*S. S. Committee of Hancock.*

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Number of scholars.		Average attendance.	No. of children between 4 & 14 years old not attending school	No. male teachers employed.	No. female teachers employed.	Length of summer school in weeks.	Length of winter school in weeks.	Total length of each school in weeks.	Amount of money expended for each school.	Average amount expended per scholar.	No. visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by citizens.	Wages of male teachers, including board.	Wages of female teachers in summer, including board.	Wages of female teachers in winter, including board.
1	38	21	2-3			2	8	10	18	\$167.80	\$ 4.41	6	99		\$26.00	\$32.00
2	8	5	$\frac{1}{4}$		1			14	14	117.78	14.72	2		\$31 00		
3	17	11	$\frac{1}{2}$	4		2	8	11	19	117.78	6.92	4	33		\$22.00	\$26.00
4	15	9	1-9	1		2	10	11	21	117.78	7.85	6	48		18.00	24.00
5	9	8	3-17			2	8	13	21	117.78	13.08	5	33		22.00	22.00
6	9	7	1-5	2		2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	117.78	13.08	3	12		20.00	26.00
7	13	8	$\frac{1}{4}$			3	8	12	20	117.78	9.08	4	35		*16.00	28.00
8	16	12				2	9	9	18	117.78	7.36	3	27		24.00	24.00
9	13	11	1-3			2	7	14	21	107.78	8.29	4	40		18.00	25.00
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†Union district in Harrisville. \*Board given.



## HANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

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HANCOCK, MAY 1st, 1875.

Report and financial statement of the Hancock High School Committee.

### MONEY RECEIVED.

Rec'd of the Town Treasurer,	\$400 00	
Tuition,	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$451 00

### MONEY PAID OUT.

Paid Wm. M. Stevens, Teacher, (2 terms,)	\$403 65	
Farnum & Scott, for printing,	1 50	
A. C. Ware, Janitor, (fall term,)		
1874,	4 00	
E. J. Robinson, for wood,	13 00	
C. Turner, Janitor and painting,	7 10	
First Con'l Society, for rent,	21 25	
A. S. Wood, cash paid Mrs. Rice for washing school room,	50	
	<hr/>	\$451 00

Fall Term 1874, commenced Aug. 17, closed Nov. 6; whole number of scholars 46. Spring Term 1875, commenced Feb. 15, closed April 30; whole number of scholars 64.

In closing this, the second academical year of our High School, your committee feel to express themselves as satisfied with the result of their efforts. Under the very thorough, practical and untiring efforts of Mr. Stevens as Principal, ably seconded as he has been by Mrs. Parker, our school has attained a degree of success seldom surpassed. Your committee feel that the school is steadily gaining in popular favor and that it is to become one of the indispensable institutions of the

town. Instead of being detrimental to the interests of the common school it has proved to be an incentive to the common school scholars, inducing them to make efforts to prepare themselves for a higher standard of scholarship than has heretofore prevailed. Many of the High School scholars are preparing for usefulness as teachers in our common schools.

District No. 1, ASAHIEL BIGELOW,  
 No. 2, LUTHER C. DUTTON,  
 No. 3, JOHN W. COOLIDGE,  
 No. 4, JOHN H. FELCH, *Clerk*.  
 No. 5, ALDEN S. WOOD,  
 No. 6, GEORGE I. HAYWARD,  
 No. 7, ANDREW B. STONE,  
 No. 8, ASA SIMONDS, *Chairman*.  
 No. 9, JAMES D. MATHEWS.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account presented by the Hancock High School Committee for the year 1874-5, and find the same correctly cast and fully vouched.

ASA SIMONDS, } *Selectmen*  
 JOSHUA S. LAKIN, } *of*  
 JOHN H. FELCH, } *Hancock.*

HANCOCK, N. H., May 10, 1875.



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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In accordance with custom, I herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library, for the year ending March 1st, 1876:

Number of volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year, 805. Number of volumes added by purchase during the year, 53. Whole number of volumes in the Library at the present time, 858. Number of books taken out for the year ending March 1st, 1876, 1,841. Whole amount of money received for fines, \$1.08. 53 volumes purchased at a cost of \$62.31. Balance of money in hands of Librarian, \$15.26.—The condition of the library books compares favorably with past years.

The value of a Public Library as a part of the educational system of a community, or as a means of culture and refinement, cannot be questioned. The success of our own library has been such as to prove the wisdom of its establishment, and we doubt not it will continue to grow in public favor, and with a yearly addition of new books, increase its value and enlarge its usefulness.

A. D. TUTTLE,  
*Librarian.*

HANCOCK, MARCH 4TH, 1876.



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